

TEMORA RECREATION GROUND

First known as the Temora Park and Recreation Ground, it was officially dedicated on October 24, 1882, and proclaimed on December 29, 1887, making it the first and most significant recreational area in Temora. As laid out in the early town plans it was more extensive, losing a large area with the coming of the railway in 1893.

The original fencing of the grounds, along with the first brick change rooms and toilets, were erected at no cost to the ratepayers by the Temora Municipal Council following the profitable sale of its earlier premises in Hoskins Street. This advantageous agreement came about following the controversial decision in Council by Ald. WGG Lucas.

The first Temora Show was held on these grounds in 1885.

Rugby Union was the game played here. In the first game held on June 13, 1896, Temora Public School defeated Temora Convent School 3–0. Then on July 1, 1896, Cootamundra Pirates beat Temora 5–3 and Temora beat Mimosa Stags 11–0 on July 25.

Rugby League came to Australia in 1907 and it began in Temora following a meeting at the Railway Hotel in the summer of 1913–14, the first game being played here on May 16, 1914, with Temora losing to Arian Park. 1921 saw the beginning of the famous Maher Cup competition, many games of which would have been played here until its demise in 1971.

Also first played here were Australian Rules Football, Cricket and Soccer. On December 26, 1934 the first Temora Gift was run here. 5000 people came to witness T McCarthy from Sydney win the prize.

The circular banked track, a velodrome was developed for cycle races at one time being bitumen coated. Cycle races included event for men, boys, ladies and girls. Racing was every Tuesday night. Very popular, the grounds were packed, with entry costing sixpence.

The original building was used for many years as the change rooms, showers, etc. of the Temora Rugby League Football Club until it moved to the improved facilities at Nixon Park.

The Temora Tuskers Rugby Union Football Club then took over the building, restoring and improving it to become their club rooms.



One Mile Handicap on 14th December 1910
T Dunn 1st, V Irwin 2nd.

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